industrial centres and residential colonies, they can set up their own telecom network in these areas subject to approval of DOT. Such networks can be provided connectivity to the public network through junction lines.

(b) to (d) We have yet to receive any firm proposal.

Inflated Computerised Telephone Bills

1576. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are receiving a large number of complaints of inflated telephone bills throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of such complaints received in each of the States and Union Territories during the last two years;

(c) how many such complaints were found to be genuine during the said period and what procedure is followed by the government in disposing of the complaints of such inflated bills;

(d) whether it is also a fact that complaints of inflated Telephone bills are being highlighted by the newspapers even from such places where computerisation has been done by Government;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Telecommunication Facilities to all Panchayats in the Country

1577. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to interconnect all Panchayats of India with electronic telecommunication system:

(b) if so, how many blocks and Panchayats have so far been covered by the electronic telecom-system; and

(c) how many blocks and Panchayats of Bihar, so far have been covered by electronic telecom-system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) It is a fact that Government have decided to provide telephone in all Panchayat Villages through [illegible] systems/ open wire lines.

(b) (i) 88610 Panchayats Villages are provided with telephone facility as on 28th February, 1993.

(ii) Information about Blocks is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) (i) 5123 Panchayat Villages are provided with telephone facility in Bihar as on 28th February, 1993.

(ii) Information about Blocks is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Telephone and Post Office Facilities in Haryana

1578. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the districtwise number of Panchayats in Haryana as on the 28th February, 1993 where telephone and Post office facilities are available;

(b) what time-limit has been prescribed for providing the above facilities in each village Panchayat of the State;

(c) what is the number of such villages in the above village Panchayats, where telegram and telegraphic money order facilities are available and by when these facilities will be made available in those village Panchayats where these facilities are not [illegible]sent; and

(d) what are the details of the programme for providing speed post facility in

the headquarter-towns of the state during the year 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The details of districtwise number of Panchayats having telephone and post office facilities are given in the Statement-I attached. [*See* below]

(b) *Telephone*

As per the existing policy of the Government, all the Panchayat villages are to be covered with telephone facilities by 31-3-1995 subject to availability of resources.

Post Office

Post offices are opened keepng in view the population, income and distance norms and subject to availability of resources and within targets. Post offices are opened progressively through Annual Plans.

(c) Number of Panchayat villages where telegram facility on phonocom basis available is given the Statement-II attached. [See below] Those villages where telegram facility is not available at present, provision of the same on phonocom basis shall depend on public demand and the plan for providing telephone facility. At present, there is no provision for giving tolegraphic Money Order facility by Department of Telecom.

(d) Of the six Districts Head Quarter-towns that do not have Speed Posts only Bhiwani District Head Quarter is under consideration for providing Speed Post facility in 1993-94.

S t a t e m e n t — I

District wise number of Panchayats in Haryana as on 28-2-93 *having post office and Telephone facilities.*

S. No.	Name of district	Post Office	Tele-phone
1	Ambala	161	385
2	Bhiwani	199	216
3	Faridabad	84	138
4	Gurgaon	127	106
5	Hissar	306	328
6	Jind	145	230
7	Kaithal	81	143
8	Karnal	110	119
9	Kurukshetra	117	235
10	Narnaul	133	159
11	Panipat	96	93
12	Rewari	90	210
13	Rohtak	221	225
14	Sirsa	140	179
15	Sonepat	157	162
16	Yamuna Nagar	83	333

Statement—II

Number of Panchayat villages district-wise where telegram facility is available in Haryana

S. No.	Name of District	No of Panchayat Villages
1	Ambala	17
2	Yamuna Nagar	7
3	Kurukshetra	7
4	Karnal	19
5	Panipat	11
6	Sonepat	14
7	Faridabad	7
8	Gurgaon	11
9	Rewari	25
10	Rohtak	34
11	Hissar	11
12	Bhiwani	16
13	Sirsa	9
14	Jind	15
15	Kaithal	13
16	Mahindergarh (Narnaul)	4

Details of Telephone Advisory Committee Lucknow

1579. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 45 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1993 and state :

(a) what are the names of the Members of the Telephone Advisory Committee for Lucknow; and

(b) whether any meeting of the above Advisory Committee has been called or held at Lucknow, if so, what are the deliberations of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The required information is furnished in the Statement enclosed. [*See* below]

(b) No, Sir, as there is a stay on holding meetings of the Committee from the Court.

Statement

List of Members of Lucknow Telephone Advisory Committee valid upto 30-6-94

1. Sh. Atal Behari Vajpayee, M.P.
2. Sh. Syed Sibety Razi, M.P.
3. Sh. Naresh Aggarwal, MLA, Hardoi.
4. Sh. Ram Krishna, MLA, Sitapur.
5. Sh. Ram Avtar Dixit.
6. Sh. Jagdambika Pal, MLC.
7. Smt. Neera Yadav, IAS, Lucknow.
8. Shri Mudit Mathur, Navbharat Times, Lucknow.
9. Dr. Namita Chandra, Aliganj, Lucknow.
10. Sh. Kalka Prasad Pandey, Advocate, Lucknow.
11. Sh. G. K. Malhotra, Advocate, Lucknow.
12. Smt. Manjari Mishra, Phoolbagh, Lucknow.